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**THE COST OF THE TORPEDO THAT DID NOT BLOW UP FORT FISHER.**—A correspondent of the New York Tribune, writing about that torpedo that Admiral Porter had read so much about that he could not help trying one, says: Every appliance with scientific knowledge and ingenuity could device, and enterprise and manly daring execute, were put in requisition to insure the success of this novel and important feature of the expedition. The boat selected for the purpose was the Louisiana, a propeller of about three hundred tons. About one hundred and forty tons of powder, together with the necessary Gomez fuses and other appliances for insuring an instantaneous ignition of the vast mass of powder that was put on board before the boat left Hampton Roads. One hundred and twenty tons more of powder were added at Beaufort, where she put in on her way to the scene of action, making, in all, two hundred and sixty tons, or 520,000 pounds. The aggregate cost of powder and boat to the government was slightly in excess of a quarter of a million of dollars. The boat was painted white, her general appearance being not unlike that of a blockade-runner—though, to do her strict justice, a somewhat more respectable looking craft.

**THE TWO EDITORS CAPTURED.**—Stoneman reports that he captured two "rebel editors" in his recent raid and sent their presses to Brownlow as a Christmas gift. The two members of the editorial corps, who were so unfortunate as to fall in to the hands of the Yankee Philistines were, the Lynchburg Virginian supposes Mr. Sperry, of the Bristol Register, and Mr. Cole, of the Abingdon Virginian. We know that the respective offices of those gentleman were destroyed, and it is not improbable that they themselves were captured at the same time. It was bad enough to lose their property and their liberty, but for their presses to be sent to the vile old Ishmaelite Brownlow, was adding intolerable insult to injury.

**GEN. SHERMAN ON THE WAR.**—A letter from Gen. Sherman is in town, which treats incidentally of our Administration, of the war, and the prospects of the rebellion, and which closes with a sentence that clangs on many ears with the ring of a viking's sword leaping from its scabbard: "My idea is, that every young and middle aged man ought to be proud of the chance to fight for the integrity of his country. I would like to see all trade and commerce absolutely cease until this conflict is over; and all who can fight and won't, fight, ought to be killed or banished; and those who won't support those who do fight should be denationalized."—Washington Paper.

**ENGLISH HATRED OF AMERICA.**—It is custom in England to celebrate the 5th of November, "Guy Fawkes' Day," by bonfires and burning the Pope in effigy, besides resorting to other modes of expressing joy at the escape of king, lords and commons, from destruction by gun powder. At the celebration on the 5th November last, instead of the Pope, the President of the United States was burned in effigy. The figure, according to a late London letter in a New York journal, is represented as having been hideously grotesque.

It is reported that Lincoln has determined not to permit cotton to be brought out of the seceded States, except as a prize to the government. No further permits are to be granted to trade within the rebel lines, and those which have heretofore been granted will probably be revoked.

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FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 13.

The steamer North American was lost on the Florida coast on the 21st, and one hundred and ninety-four sick and furloughed Yankee soldiers were drowned.

**REINFORCEMENTS AT CHARLESTON.**—According to the Charleston Mercury, a large number of reinforcements have arrived in that city.

**GOLD STILL DECLINED.**—We understand that advices were received to the effect that gold had declined in Richmond to thirty.

Both Houses of Congress have passed a bill extending the time for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes until July 1st, 1865.

It is stated that the tide laws save an issue of \$250,000,000 to purchase the subsistence afforded by those acts. This fact alone vindicates the wisdom and policy of those enactments.

**FOR SAVANNAH.**—The Chronicle & Sentinel of Wednesday says: A boat left here on Tuesday for Savannah, to meet a boat coming up the river, under flag of truce, with women and children who have fled to the city for Augusta. It is stated they number about four hundred.

**IMPORTANT RUMOR.**—The Charleston Courier says a gentleman of high position in Georgia reports that the President has under consideration a joint offer from England and France to guarantee our independence, provided the negroes be emancipated at the end of fifty years. This may account for the rapid departure of the Yankees for our ports of entry. It may also account for Blair's flying trip to Richmond.

**CONDEMNED TO BE SHOT.**—The Courier of Monday says: At a Court Martial recently held at Savannah, five men were found guilty of desertion, and condemned to be shot with musketry. Among them are three brothers, the only remaining male members of a respectable family. We have not learned at what time the execution.

**FROM WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.**—Several weeks ago a party of tory raiders committed depredations on the plantation of Dr. Mills, some eighteen miles from Spartanburg, S. C. A few days since, the ringleaders were traced to Columbia, Polk Co., N. C. A body of men started to arrest them. The tory leader was shot, and five of his comrades killed. The leader of the attacking party was twice wounded. Captured correspondence implicates other parties.

**THE NEWS FROM THE SAVANNAH RIVER.**—The Mercury of Wednesday says: A report was current yesterday (for the truth of which, however, we cannot vouch) that SHERMAN'S advanced forces on this side of the Savannah River had gone back and recrossed that stream at SOREVEN'S Ferry.

We learn that communication with the enemy will take place this day (Wednesday) on the Savannah River, near Puyrsburg, for the reception of such people of Savannah as have not chosen to remain within the Yankee lines.

**THE FRESHET—NO NEWS.**—The "oldest inhabitant" informs us that he has never before known such a freshet in this section of the country. It can be said in truth that we never have, after a residence of sixteen years—the freshet of August, 1852 being the most destructive, and covering a larger area of the lowlands than had occurred for many years prior to that date. So far we have been unable to learn the extent of damage, but will no doubt furnish our readers with some particulars for Monday's paper. The water, at this time, is receding from the banks, and will have ebbed sufficient by this evening to permit planters and others, residing on the other side of the river, desirous of communicating with Camden, to cross over.

In consequence of the high water, we are without any news from the coast—the wires being swamped, and no connection made in favor of the Charleston or Augusta mails. The Congaree river bridge and the trestle above being inundated, no Charleston papers was received on last evening.

**A WESTERN MILITARY ASPIRANT.**—We are indebted to an esteemed friend for the following characteristic speech delivered by a western aspirant for military position. It will pay to read it:

*Fellow Citizens and Soldiers:* I have done myself the honor of coming all the way from Pike, just to address you. I am a candidate for the office of Brigadier General, and altho' I do not expect to get any votes here, I thought it my duty to come and let you see the man that is to command you, for as certain as the sun shines I am your General. Fellow citizens and soldiers of Wilkinson County, is it possible, is it possible that I

have the honor to address you, who lives in such fine houses, and have such elegant farms. Fellow citizens and soldiers, I will now give you a brief history of myself. I run away from my father when I was but a short tall boy, to earn my living. I have fought the battles of my country during the last war. I have fought the Savages, and was engaged in the battle of Talladega. Since then I have been living in this State, quietly pursuing the avocations of a planter, and occasionally doing the State some service in the Legislature. Yes, fellow citizens and soldiers, and have served there with your Hon. Degraffenreid; and altho' though never made any speeches I always give a good vote.

*Fellow citizens and soldiers,* let me tell you how I was served during the last war. One morning I had business with my General, and went into his tent, and his boy was lying dead on the coals. My teeth fairly watered at some, and he never said turkey once. Fellow soldiers, if I was your General, I would not serve you so. No, I would always divide with a soldier. Fellow soldiers, if I am elected your General you must obey well, for I'll make you track like a new wagon wheel for I'll be obeyed. During the last war I had to live on raw hides—and now gray and old as I am, I'll grease my heels with your hands and scale the walls of the enemy.

**GEN. FORREST.**—The editor of the Jackson "Mississippi Extra," has had a conversation with Capt. William Forrest, brother of the "Wizard of the Saddle," who stated that he had dispatched from his brother, of the 22d, and positively denied that there was any ground for the report of a difficulty with the General and one of his men, much less the outrageous report that he had been assassinated.

**A SOLEMN TRUTH.**—We have no time or space to write long articles. In brief we do say if the Confederate Government does not put a stop to the plundering of our people by bands of cavalry calling themselves Confederate soldiers, the days of the Confederacy are numbered and they be few.

## TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Kershaw District has lost many noble and gallant sons in this war. Their names and memory should ever be cherished whilst liberty, right and justice have a place among us. Prominently among her worthy dead, should ever stand the name and memory of Lieut. WM. MCKWEN.

He was truly patriotic; and manifested no unbecoming aspiration for office. The earnest of his heart, was faithful performance of duty, and he did his duty, his whole duty, and laid down his life on the altar of his suffering country. He was a good officer. Whilst he showed zeal and devotion in our righteous cause, he never failed in acts of kindness and generosity to the humblest private. Yes, it did his noble generous nature good to relieve the want and privations of the soldier, and the day approaches when "Billie's grave" will be moistened with the soldier's tears. The wound which caused his death was received in leading his men forward in the successful repulse of the enemy before Petersburg, in March last. He died in hospital, shortly after receiving the wound. We have no doubt this event, though so sad and afflicting upon his sisters and aged parents, was to him eternal gain. It was a wish of his own and that of his relatives, that his body might have an abiding rest near his own Carolina home. Accordingly his remains were recently disinterred from the banks of majestic Roanoke, and placed where he had selected his place of rest. The many sorrowing friends around his grave testified, full well, the affection and esteem felt for him. His death is a heavy loss to the community in which he lived, and to his immediate relatives, irreparable. But he is now no more. This war may pass away, but the tears and sorrows it has made will be with us for many days to come. Farewell Billie! Farewell kind friend! Thou art gone, but we will think of Thee.

Thou art not dead—thou art not dead  
No, noble soldier, no!  
Through lands of light where heroes tread  
And flowers ethereal blow.  
Thy gentle spirit now is lead,  
Thy lip with life eternal led,  
Forgets all taste of woe.

Where hearts like thine have broke or bled,  
Though quenched the vital glow  
Their memory lights a flame instead,  
Which e'v' from out the narrow bed,  
Of death its beams shall throw.  
Thou art not gone—thou art not gone  
No, gentle spirit, never no.

Thy name by many said and song,  
Ought from age to age to go,  
Long as Scotia honors the brave,  
Or Carolina's waters flow,  
Or Bruce or Wallace name is rung,  
Thou art not dead—thou art not dead  
No, Billie, it ne'er can be so.

**Headquarters,**  
REGIMENT SO. CA. MILITIA,  
CAMDEN, January 12, 1865.

**GENERAL ORDERS—NO. 6.**  
IN PURSUANCE OF ORDERS FROM ADJUTANT and Inspector General of S. C., this Regiment is hereby ordered to parade at the Court House in Camden, S. C., on Thursday the 19th inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.

II. Captains or officers commanding beat companies will have warned all white male persons in their respective beats between the ages of sixteen and sixty years of age. Except only persons who have certificates of exemption from the Surgeon General of the State, or the State Board of Surgeons at Columbia, S. C., on the ground of permanent physical disability. They will come with accurate and perfect rolls of all names and private names, the date of the election, etc.

III. Officers who claim exemption on the ground of physical disability, but who have not certificates from the Surgeon General of the State, or the State Board of Surgeons, of recent date, will nevertheless be enrolled, and be examined by the District Surgeon hereafter to be appointed.

III. Officers commanding beat companies will have all vacant officers in their respective commands filled according to law.

V. So much of General Order No. 5 as conflicts with this order is hereby countermanded.

VI. Lieut. Col. Wm. Dixon, Major A. M. Kennedy, and Capt. L. J. Patterson, D. R. Gray, J. Falkenberg, A. S. D. Hough, Tobias Bolson, E. Parker and Lieut. J. L. McDowell are charged with the prompt execution of these orders.

By command of Col. B. Jones: J. M. GAYLE, Adjutant.

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Camden "Confederate" copy once.

## For Sale.

A LARGE IRON SAFE, 4 PER CENT CERTIFIED GATES, Confederate Bonds.

—ALSO—  
Three or four fine milk cows, selected from a fine stock. Apply to W. M. SHANNON.

January 13.

## To the Planters of Kershaw.

APPENDED YOU WILL SEE THAT A COMMITTEE composed of Messrs. A. H. Boykin, K. Parker, W. Dixon, L. W. R. Blair, Jno. M. DeSaussure have by my request and in accordance with the Secretary of War, orders "to pay price for corn fixed by local appraisers," set the price at \$12 per bushel at your barn-doors shelled and sacked. This price is deemed ample and sufficient, and I now appeal to you, one and all to call upon my Agent Mr. Bell at Camden for sacks, and fill up my store house without delay, as our armies in Virginia are much in want. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Very respectfully,  
Your ob't. serv't.  
JAMES SOWERS,  
Capt. & Div. Q. Master.

CAMDEN, S. C. January 2, 1865.

In obedience to the request of Capt. Sowers, Division Q. M., we assess the price of corn to be paid for by the Confederate States Government in Kershaw District, for the month of January, 1865, at \$12 per bushel, of 56 pounds.

A. H. BOYKIN,  
E. PARKER,  
WM. DIXON,  
L. W. R. BLAIR,  
JNO. M. DESAUSSURE.

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## War Tax Office

CAMDEN, S. C., Jan. 6, 1865.

RETAIL DEALERS AND OTHER REGISTERED persons, including Millers, Tanners, &c., are hereby required to make their returns within the next twenty days, of sales for the quarter ending 31st ult.

All persons who have not made their return or property for the ad valorem tax would do well to attend to it promptly, as we are about to close the books.

JOHN CANTEY, } Assessors,  
R. M. KENNEDY, }

Jan. 9

## Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE FIRM OF MERONEY & BOSWELL WAS dissolved by mutual consent on the 1st day of January, 1865. Persons holding claims of any description against said firm will present the same for payment. MERONEY & BOSWELL.

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## BOOKS.

LEVERETT'S SCHOOL ARITHMETIC, Pike's Co., and Key.  
Bullion's English Grammar.  
Primer's, Spellers and Readers.  
Bibles, Hymns and Prayers.  
Chisolm's Military Surgery.  
Cap. Post and Note Paper.  
Envelopes; Lead Pencils.  
School Slates and Pencils.

Jan. 6—1st J. A. YOUNG.